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TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC INFO JIDDA KUWAIT SANAA
FROM AMMAN 22 AUG 73:

QUOTE S E C R E T AMMAN 4544

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DEPT PASS MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GRENADE LAUNCHERS FOR OMAN

1. I HAVE HAD TWO GO-AROUNDS WITH PRIME MINISTER IN PAST
TWO DAYS ON GRENADE LAUNCHERS. HE IS INCENSED THAT WE
ARE ASKING GOJ TO TURN OVER TO US TREASURY SALES PROCEEDS
FROM LAUNCHERS AND GRENADES. HE SAYS THIS MAKES NO SENSE
AS RESULT IS THAT JORDAN LOSES ITS STOCKS AND THEN HAS
TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENTS FROM ITS OWN BUDGET. WHY IS
THIS NECESSARY, HE ASKED, WHEN ALL JORDAN IS DOING IS
PROVIDING ARMS TO OMAN IN ACCORD WITH WHAT IT THOUGHT WERE
US DESIRES?

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2. I TOLD HIM WE HAD NEVER ASKED JORDAN TO GIVE OR SELL

GRENAD LAUNCHERS TO OMAN. THIS WAS A DEAL WORKED UP
LOCALLY. WE HAVE NO MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OMAN.
WHAT HE PROPOSES IS THAT JORDAN SET ON UP AND HAVE THE US
FINANCE IT. I SUGGESTED THAT JORDAN GET OUT OF THE
BUSINESS OF SUPPLYING ARMS TO GULF STATES IF IT EXPECTS
US TO REPLACE THE ARMS GRATIS. IT JUST WON'T WORK. IT WOULD
BE EASIER ALL AROUND, I CONCLUDED, FOR THOSE JORDANIANS IN THE
GULF, WHO ARE ASKED FOR ARMS, TO POINT WAY TO US EMBASSY.

3. THIS HAD TO BE PUT BLUNTLY AS ZAID (PLUS KING, CP,
KHAMMASH, ETC., ETC.) ARE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT US WANTS
IT TO ACT QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO SHORE UP GULF STATES,
INCLUDING FAST SUPPLY OF ARMS AND AMMO WHEN WHAT USG REALLY
WANTS IT TO DO IS RE-READ THE MAP AGREEMENT. BROWN
UNQUOTE ROGERS

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